(a) the number of Anglo-Indian High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the total number of Anglo-Indian boys and girls studying in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Assistance to State Governments for Canals

3728. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made available financial assistance to some State Governments, for strengthening of canals, during the last three years;

(b) if so, details thereof, Statewise;

(c) whether financial assistance has been made available to the Delhi Government also for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the items on which the Delhi Government had spent this amount and the achievements made?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (e). Irrigation is a State subject. Irrigation Projects are planned and implemented by them out of their resources. The Central Assistance is in the form of Block Loans and Grants not tied to any project or programme. The Union Government has not provided any special assistance to the State Governments including Delhi Government for strengthening of the canals.

[English]

Jobs in Engineering Colleges

3729. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 624 on March 6, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). G.B. Pant Engineering College, Pauri and Kumaon Engineering College, Dwarahat, Almora is being run by the registered societies and govern by their own rules. In these institutions preference is given to the members of the family whose land has been acquired for college establishment. Besides this, under the provision of society by-laws (under the head appointments) it states 'Preference to be given to hill area candidates keeping qualifications and experience at par.' The above policy is being followed in the appointments in the Engineering college of Pauri and Dwarahat (Almora).

[Translation]

Non-completion of KRP and PRP in Bihar

3730. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for non-completion of Kesho Reservoir Project (KRP) and Pancharvedo Reservoir Project (PRP) in Kodarma district of Bihar even after five years of the starting of these projects;

(b) the concrete reasons for huge wasteful expenditure and delay in completion of the project; and

(c) the time by which the said projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). Irrigation is a State subject. Projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Government out of their own resources. Completion of the projects depends upon the priority given by the State Government.

[English]

Availability of Blood

3731. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the availability of blood in the country, particularly in the capital is alarmingly low and there is an urgent need to motivate the blood donors by the Red Cross;

(b) whether most of the donors come from unemployed, illiterate, and poor sections of the society, who sell their blood for their livelihood;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to take any step through mass media to motivate the young, able bodied